

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claim 10 and amend claim 1 as shown herein.

1. (Currently Amended) In a therapeutic composition comprising a BPI bactericidal/permeability-increasing protein product and a stabilizing polyoxypropylene-polyoxyethylene block copolymer (poloxamer) surfactant, the improved composition comprising a bactericidal-activity-enhancing poloxamer surfactant.

2. (Original) The therapeutic composition of claim 1 further comprising EDTA.

3. (Original) The improved composition of claim 1 wherein the bactericidal-activity-enhancing poloxamer surfactant is selected from the group consisting of poloxamer 333, poloxamer 334, poloxamer 335, and poloxamer 403.

4. (Original) The therapeutic composition of claim 3 further comprising EDTA.

5. (Withdrawn)

6. (Withdrawn)

7. (Withdrawn)

8. (Withdrawn)

9. (Original) A composition for inhibiting bacterial and fungal growth comprising a BPI protein product and a bacterial and fungal growth-inhibiting enhancing poloxamer surfactant.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The composition of claim 9 wherein the bacterial and fungal growth-inhibiting enhancing poloxamer surfactant is selected from the group consisting of poloxamer 333, poloxamer 334, poloxamer 335, and poloxamer 403.

12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Withdrawn)

14. (Withdrawn)

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